

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/773,343	SHARPS ET AL.	

Examiner	Art Unit	
Jeffrey T. Barton	1795	

All Participants:

Status of Application: Pending

(1) Jeffrey T. Barton.

(3) Joseph Valentino.

(2) Samuel Borodach.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 7 October 2008

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

Telephonic
 Video Conference
 Personal (Copy given to: Applicant Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____.

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

37,47,69

Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner called Mr. Borodach on 3 October 2008 to propose an amendment to place the Application in condition for allowance. Replacement of the language "substantially the same composition and thickness" with "the same composition and thickness . . . subject to normal manufacturing variations" was suggested, because such variations are of course inherent in any manufacturing process. (i.e. any deposited layer will have small variations in thickness and composition across its area) Therefore, it is the Examiner's position that there is inherent support for such language in the disclosure, as the two "regions" claimed are disclosed as comprising the same layers, deposited at the same time, and subsequently separated. Mr Valentino called on 7 October 2008 to indicate Applicant's authorization to for the Examiner's Amendment.